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### *Feds Feeds Families campaign in full swing*

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#### **COLUMBUS, Ohio, Sept. 14, 2015 –**

Anyone passing by the B lobby of Building 21 here recently was surely in for a treat, as employees and teams participated in the annual CAN-struction event.

CAN-struction is a non-perishable food collection competition within DFAS Columbus for employees to get creative and build a display out of the canned and boxed food donations collected within a certain period.

“DFAS steps up to the plate to help feed the hungry. It is not about us, it is about people in need,” said **Misty Wyatt**, the event’s co-organizer.

This year the teams were challenged to develop an idea for a sculpture in one of the three categories:

- Customer Spotlight
- American Landmark
- Most Creative

“With their designs in hand, each team then needed to collect enough cans to make their designs a reality,” said **Daniel Faltermeier**, the other co-organizer. “Receiving donations and support from fellow co-workers, teams were able to transform stacks of cans into monuments.”

The seven entries included:



**This 'Serving Our Heroes' CAN-struction won the customer spotlight category in a Feds Feed Families competition at DFAS Columbus. (Photos by Keith Moore, Information & Technology)**



- **"Tank n' Beans" captures the essence of a robust Army tank by Systems Columbus Operations - Accounting Systems.**



- **"Thank You to Our Troops" is a realistic and vibrant tank honoring those who have fought for our country by Accounts Receivable Acquisition.**



- **"Serving Our Heroes" combinei the iconic Pentagon building in front of a back-drop of the America Flag by the Front Office.**



- **"U.S. Flag" captures the glory of the American flag waving in the wind by Site Support.**





- **"Field of Dreams" depicts the All American past-time of baseball amid a cornfield by Audit Readiness.**



- **"Cape CAN-averal" captures the ingenuity of a NASA spaceship by Accounts Payable Army General Fund Enterprise Business System Accounting Requirements.**



- **"Pac-Man is a playful display of classic video game complete with Pac-Man and ghost by Accounting Requirements.**

At the Aug. 25 judging, the DFAS Columbus site director, **Pam Franceschi**, joined **Navy Rear Adm. John King** from Defense Supply Center Columbus and **Joan Lloyd** from the Mid-Ohio Foodbank for judging ceremony. King visited with each team discussing their sculptures before awarding the winners.

The winners were:

- Customer Spotlight the winner was "Serving Our Heroes"
- American Landmark the winner was "Cape CAN-averal"
- Most Creative category the winner was "Field of Dreams"

"It was great to see the teams working together not only to create amazing sculptures but to raise food for people in need," Faltermeier said.

The CAN-struction event may be over, but the Feds Feeds Families campaign lasts until Oct 2.

#### **Additional DFAS Columbus information:**

- Each \$1 donated equals 4 pounds of food!
- Donation boxes are located at the elevators on floors 2 through 7 in pods A, B and C Parking lot
- Drop-Off days will occur Sept 16 and 23 from 7-9 a.m.
- DFAS employees will be able to drive-up drop-off donations from the convenience of their car.
- The collection truck will be located in the visitor spaces of the DFAS parking lot.

"Feds Feed Families helps our communities directly. The need for food can happen to anyone. Even though our campaign runs during the summer, donations can be made at your local food bank to help those in need," Wyatt said.

Site POCs for this year's campaign are:

**DFAS Cleveland** – **Kimberly Stahley** and **Kim Pilar**

**DFAS Columbus** – **Daniel Faltermaier** and **Misty Wyatt**

**DFAS Indianapolis** – **Amy Armitage**, **Kate Santeramo**, and **Robin Smith**

**DFAS Limestone** – **Arthur Faucher** and **Amelia Beil**

**Mark Center** – **Stanley Ponder** and **Mike McCarty**

**DFAS Rome** – **Kathleen Twiss** and **Tanya Tyson**

**DFAS Texarkana** – **Donald Carrier**

**DFAS Japan – [Lindsay Harris](#) and [Jerome Walters](#)**

Have a Feds Feed Families experience to share? We're looking for stories to help support this year's campaign. Send your stories, ideas and photos to [steven.j.lawson6.civ@mail.mil](mailto:steven.j.lawson6.civ@mail.mil).

**[Link to DFAS FFF ePortal page](#)****Current totals (as of Sept. 11):**

DFAS weekly total – **15,369.70 pounds**

Overall total – **43,148 pounds**

**New to the Hall of Fame:**

- **Ursula Woodbury** – DFAS Texarkana
- **Cheryl Burton** – DFAS Columbus
- **Brian Murphy** – DFAS Indianapolis

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